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PERMIT STREAMLINING						
Per-1	Adopt and implement revised State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) guidance	ECY	0.9	94,200	Revise the SEPA project and non project checklists to ensure appropriate information is collected to assist agencies in assessing impacts to endangered species.	ECY has developed drafts of both the project and non-project SEPA checklists. ECY continues to move forward toward adopting the checklists by rule. Target date: spring 2001
					Test non-project checklist using pilot projects.	The non-project checklist continues to be tested. Comments have been received on the project checklist and staff are making revisions.
					Develop tools, such as a salmon worksheet, to collect early information regarding potential impacts to salmon.	A salmon worksheet has been developed and is available on ECYs SEPA web site.

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Per-2	Develop and implement Integrated Stream Corridor Guidelines	WDFW, ECY, WSDOT	2.3	1,100,000	Complete and publish the first chapter of the Integrated Stream Corridor Guidelines - the Integrated Streambank Protection Guidelines (ISPG).	The information contained in ISPG will be completed by the end of September 2000. It is currently available as a work in progress at www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/salguide/salguide.htm . ISPG is scheduled to be published in February 2001. It will also be made available on CD-ROM and on the internet.
					Convene a Scoping Workshop on additional habitat protection and restoration guidelines needed.	Nine white papers (marine & estuarine shoreline modification and restoration, marine dredging, marine overwater structures, freshwater overwater structures, treated wood issues, water crossings, channel design, floodplain & riparian issues, and freshwater gravel mining & dredging) are being developed by scientists from University of Washington, University of California, Battelle Northwest, WSDOT, and Inter Fluve, Inc. Drafts are due September 29, 2000, with finals scheduled for March 21, 2001. A workshop to scope the content of the draft white papers as well as scope future guideline volumes is scheduled for November 6 - 8, 2000. White paper titles and authors, as well as the white paper guiding principles are available at www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/salguide/salguide.htm .
					Identify existing adequate guidelines and prioritize new guidelines needed for development.	In 1999, WDFW Environmental Engineering Services conducted an assessment of existing acceptable standards and interim or partial standards for a number of habitat restoration activities including: channel reconstruction; floodplain connectivity; riparian corridor; several categories of fish habitat; and fish passage at dams, culverts, and fish protection screens. A similar effort has been undertaken by Tri-County.
					Solicit NMFS and USFWS approval of the guidelines as they are completed and negotiate with NFMS and USFW for exemptions for activities conducted consistent with the guidelines.	NMFS and USFWS have been briefed on the project and the guidelines. NMFS has written a letter in support of the project. Both NMFS and USFWS are members of the peer review panel and have participated in the peer review of the draft ISPG in February 2000, and the draft fish passage guidelines for culverts, fishways, and screens in May 2000. The guidelines were referenced in the ESA 4(d) rule for listed salmon in Washington issued in June 2000 and published in July 2000.

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Per-3	Develop and implement permit conditions such as CWA 401	ECY	0.2	35,000	Work with state and federal resource agencies to develop or reach agreement on 401 Nationwide Permit conditions.	An agreement was reached with the federal agencies (NMFS, USFWS, and US Corps of Engineers).
					Hold hearing on proposed 401/Nationwide Permit conditions and adopt final conditions.	Hearings were held in June 2000 on proposed 401 nationwide permit conditions.
					Update 401 Desk Manual to ensure consistent permit review and to incorporate "fish-friendly" conditions based on best available science.	401 Desk Manual update is scheduled to be completed in winter 2001.
Per-4	Conduct review of Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) and initiate ESA compliance document	WDFW	3	450,000	Adopt interim action/ Memorandum of Understanding between WDFW & NMFS/USFWS to prevent any further harm to listed species from HPA activities.	A Memorandum of Agreement was signed by WDFW, NMFS and USFWS in October 1999 and is being implemented.
					Conduct a comprehensive review of the Hydraulic Code rules and technical manuals and guidelines.	A generic outline of an ESA compliance document and potential species list were developed. Committees were established to develop implementation procedures for monitoring, adaptive management, database needs, and reporting.
					Develop an ESA compliance document for HPA program to cover permit issuance in ESA listed waters.	Rule review committees have been established. The first discussion draft rule (potential changes to mineral prospecting activities) was made available for public comment on August 28, 2000.
					Begin development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the ESA compliance document.	EIS scoping has been completed (six public meetings across the state in October 1999, plus a 74-day public comment period). Comment review and development of a comment summary document is near completion. A list of potential alternatives, ranging from No Action to development of Habitat Conservation Plan as suggested by the scoping, is being prepared.
Per-5	Develop and implement recommendations on integration of Forest Practices Permits and Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA)	WDFW	0	-	Upgrade forest practices regulations to contain HPA provisions normally applied to forest practices affecting non-fish bearing waters.	The Forests and Fish HPA coordinator position has been filled. Information on the Forest Practices Emergency Rules for non-fish bearing waters is being gathered and assessed for inclusion in the permanent rules. Discussions with applicable HPA rule committees (see Per-4) have been initiated to ensure consistency between the HPA and the Forest Practices Applications.

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Per-6	Complete ESA compliance documents for transportation projects	WSDOT	12	4,061,000	Develop a statewide programmatic biological assessment to cover all highway construction associated transportation systems.	Biological assessments have been developed for several highway / bridge construction projects.
					Negotiate programmatic biological assessment approval and Incidental Take Permits with NMFS and USFWS.	14 Resource Agency Liaisons were funded to support WSDOT related activities carried out by NMFS, USFWS, EPA, US Corps of Engineers, ECY, and WDFW.
					Assist local transportation agencies with application of the programmatic biological assessment to their needs.	Assisted local agencies with development of Biological Assessment and with negotiations of ESA compliance document.
					Seek 4(d) exemption for routine road maintenance.	Provided comments and recommendation to NMFS in response to the 4(d) draft rules. Developed roadside maps and road maintenance manual. The manual is pending review with NMFS. Coordinated with Tri-County on road maintenance activities.
Subtotal			18.4	5,740,200		